LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A button comprising: a button body ~~(10)~~; and a fixture ~~(40)~~ for fixing the button body ~~(10)~~ to a fabric ~~(2)~~ from the opposite side to the button body with the fabric there between,

wherein the button body ~~(10)~~ comprises a shell member ~~(11)~~ constituting an outer shell of the button and an accommodation member ~~(31)~~ stored in the shell member,

the shell member ~~(11)~~ includes a button cover ~~(22)~~ and a neck ~~(14)~~ cylindrically formed on a back side of the button cover and having an opening ~~(17)~~ at an outer edge thereof,

the accommodation member ~~(31)~~ includes a shaft ~~(33)~~ accommodated in the neck ~~(14)~~ with a portion thereof protruding from the opening ~~(17)~~ and an insert hole ~~(34)~~ formed on a protruding end face of this shaft for the fixture ~~(40)~~ to be inserted therein, is the accommodation member being made of a material softer at least than that used for forming the neck and allowing for outer expansion of an external form of the shaft to a position outer from the inner contour of the opening when the fixture is inserted into the insert hole, and

crimping parts ~~(18)~~ are formed on one of an inner periphery of the opening ~~(17)~~ or an outer peripheral surface of the shaft ~~(33)~~ at specified positions with a prespecified space therebetween in the circumferential direction so as to crimp into or crimped by the other.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The button according to claim 1,

wherein the crimping parts ~~(18)~~ are a plurality of convex parts ~~(19)~~ formed at prespecified positions with a prespecified space therebetween along the inner periphery of the opening ~~(17)~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The button according to claim 2,

wherein the shaft ~~(33)~~ has a round cross section substantially perpendicular to the center line of the shaft.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The button according to claim 2 or claim 3,

wherein the convex parts ~~(19)~~ each has a form with the width gradually becoming smaller from the inner periphery of the opening ~~(17)~~ toward the center of the opening.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The button according to claim 1,

wherein the opening ~~(17)~~ has a polygonal form with 5 or more corners and each of the sides forming this polygon functions as the crimping parts ~~(18)~~, and

the shaft ~~(33)~~ has a round cross section substantially perpendicular to the center line of the shaft.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The button according to claim 1,

wherein the opening ~~(17)~~ has a round form; and

the shaft ~~(33)~~ has a polygonal cross section having five or more corners and substantially perpendicular to the center line of the shaft, and ~~thecorners~~ the corners of the polygonal cross section function as the crimping parts ~~(18)~~.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The button according to any of claims 1 ~~to 6~~ to 3,

wherein the insert hole ~~(34)~~ has steps with the inner diameter thereof becoming smaller step by step from an end face opposite to the protruding end face of the shaft ~~(33)~~ toward the protruding end face.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The button according to any of claims 1 ~~to 7~~ to 3,

wherein the shaft ~~(33)~~ has an accommodation portion ~~(33A)~~ having the substantially same inner diameter as that of the neck ~~(14)~~, a protruding portion ~~(33C)~~ protruding from the opening ~~(17)~~ and also crimping into the opening, and an intermediate portion ~~(33B)~~ coupling the accommodation portion to the protruding portion, and a clearance ~~(35)~~ is provided between the intermediate portion and the neck.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The button according to any of claims 1 ~~to 8~~ to 3,

wherein a plurality of projected treads ~~(36)~~ are radially provided on the protruding end face of the shaft ~~(33)~~ around the inert hole ~~(34)~~ at with a prespecified angular space, and

the fixture ~~(40)~~ comprises an insert shaft ~~(41)~~ inserted into the insert hole ~~(34)~~ of the accommodation member ~~(31)~~, and a flange ~~(45)~~ integrally formed on a base end of this insert

shaft, and further protrusions ~~(46)~~ facing against the projected treads ~~(36)~~ with the fabric ~~(2)~~ therebetween are formed on the inner surface of the flange in the circumferential direction around the insert hole as a center.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The button according to any of claims 1 ~~to 9;~~ to 3, wherein the shell member ~~(11)~~ constituting the button body ~~(10)~~ is made of metal, and the accommodation member ~~(31)~~ is made of synthetic resin.